

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the first paragraph on page 3 with the following:**

$$B \geq \frac{1}{3} \times K + \underline{0.5} \underline{0.5}, \quad (1)$$

with  $K = \text{Min}(I^* ; J^*)$

$I^* = \text{Max}(0 ; I)$  and  $J^* = \text{Max}(0 ; J)$

$I = \text{Min}(N ; N - \underline{0.29} \underline{0.29}(Ti - 5))$

$J = \text{Min}\left(N ; \underline{0.5} \underline{0.5}\left(N - \underline{0.52} \underline{0.52} Al + \sqrt{(N - \underline{0.52} \underline{0.52} Al)^2 + 283}\right)\right),$

the contents of silicon and ~~aluminium~~aluminum of the composition also complying with the following conditions:

if  $C > 0.145$ , then  $Si + Al < 0.95$

and whose structure is bainitic, martensitic or martensitic-bainitic and also comprises from 3 to 20% of residual austenite, preferably from 5 to 20% of residual austenite.

**Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 with the following:**

- the contents of ~~aluminium~~aluminum, boron, titanium and nitrogen, expressed in thousandths of %, of the composition also satisfying the following relationship

$$B \geq \frac{1}{3} \times K + \underline{0.5} \underline{0.5}, \quad (1)$$

with  $K = \text{Min}(I^* ; J^*)$

$I^* = \text{Max}(0 ; I)$  and  $J^* = \text{Max}(0 ; J)$

$I = \text{Min}(N ; N - \underline{0.29} \underline{0.29}(Ti - 5))$

$J = \text{Min}\left(N ; \underline{0.5} \underline{0.5}\left(N - \underline{0.52} \underline{0.52} Al + \sqrt{(N - \underline{0.52} \underline{0.52} Al)^2 + 283}\right)\right),$

with the additional condition that:

- if  $C > 0.145$  (and preferably  $> 0.140$ ), then  $Si + Al < 0.95$ , and preferably  $< 0.90$ , in order clearly to delimit the invention with respect to the earlier application EP 0 725 156,